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NEW JERSEY ADDS 2 NEW AREA CODES

NEW JERSEY—The New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (BPU) voted on October 23, on a "geographic split" of existing area codes to increase the state's supply of telephone numbers. While the BPU's decision preserves traditional seven-digit dialing for most calls, it will force 21 municipalities to split into two area codes, and 15 municipalities to split into three area codes, and one into three.

The towns of Wayne, Ridgewood, Fair Lawn, Lodi, Saddle Brook, Wallington, Wood-Ridge, East Rutherford and Kearny will be split with 201 and the new north-western located area code. The cities of Westfield, Linden, Scotch Plains, Clark, Green Brook, Bernards, Warren, Bridgewater, 908 and the new central-eastern located area code. Franklin Township, in Somerset County will be split by 908, 609 and the new central-eastern located area code.

The BPU and Bell Atlantic are working together to modify the geographic split so fewer communities would be split by area codes. The new area code numbers, which will not be in effect until November 1997, will be announced in November.

BIG CITIES GREW SAFER IN '95, BUT NJ CITIES GIVE MIXED RESULTS

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Violent crime in America's largest cities dropped by 8 percent in 1995 according to the FBI's annual report, but in New Jersey's four most populated cities—100,000-plus—the results were mixed: especially from 1994 to 1995 according to the state's "Urban 15" profile.

Newark's violent crime rate rose from 10,471 incidents in 1994 to 10,529 in 1995 while Newark's aggravated assault rate fell from 212 to 221, and aggravated assault rose to 4,633 from 4,342. However, robbery incidents dropped by 247 incidents to 2,241.

According to the profile, Jersey City also showed a rise in violent crime from 4,310 in 1994 to 4,334 last year. Murders are down to 25 in 1995 from 37 in 1994, and aggravated assault is down by 47 incidents to 1,911 last year. Robbery, however, rose from 74 in 1994 to 92, incidents last year and robbery rose from 2,241 to 2,300.

Paterson had a considerable reduction in violent crime. The rate dropped from 316 incidents two years ago to 1,658 in 1995 according to the profile. In fact, incidents on all crimes classified as "violent" dropped in the state's third largest city from 1994 to 1995: murder, 15 to 12; rape, 52 to 45; robbery, 1,035 to 829; and aggravated assault, 854 to 772.

In Elizabeth, violent crime dropped by 17 incidents from 1994 to 1995. Murders rose to 12 in 1995 from 11 in 1994 and robbery, 924 to 936 over the 1994-1995 period. However, aggravated assault dropped from 387 to 347 incidents.

In cities with populations over 1 million, violent crimes dropped in 1995 for a second year in a row according to the FBI's report. These cities include New York, Philadelphia, Chicago, Phoenix, Los Angeles, San Diego, Dallas, and Houston.

Disputes over who should take credit for the Nation's violent crime reduction has been mounting. President Clinton has proposed a \$10 billion increase of his federal crime strategy to put 100,000 new cops on the streets. Other crime experts say big city police departments have implemented more effective crime-fighting strategies.

However, Min. Louis Farrakhan, leader of the Nation of Islam, said at the World's Day of Atonement on October 16, "I know Clinton wants to take credit for it. I know the police want to credit for it. The real truth is that the spirit of the Million Man March should take credit for it."

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President Clinton worships at New Hope Baptist Church



While on the campaign trail Sunday, October 20, President Clinton made a stop at New Hope Baptist Church in Newark to attend church services. President Clinton (c) enjoys the service with Ernestine Watson, (second from r) an assistant vice president of UMDNJ, and Congressman Donald Payne (r).

Photo by Gene Friesen.

NEWARK—While on the campaign trail Sunday, October 20, President Clinton made a stop at New Hope Baptist Church in Newark to attend church services.

Clinton was officially greeted by Reverend Joe A. Carter, Assistant Pastor; Reverend Vincent Thomas of Virginia, son of New Hope Pastor Reverend Doctor Charles E. Thomas;

Founded in 1903 in Newark, New Hope was rededicated in 1987 at 106 Sussex Avenue and celebrated its 93rd Founders' Day and Mortgage Burning on September 15.

Congresswoman Waters tours NJ on 'village' bus

by Avery Grant

ELIZABETH—United States Representative Maxine Waters (D-CA) toured New Jersey on the "It Takes a Village..." bus, campaigning for the Democratic state and national election tickets and informing New Jerseyans about the recently disclosed Reagan-era government-supplied drug operation in Los Angeles.

Speaking at the Elizabeth Port Press Club, Congresswoman Waters addressed Bob Dole, telling the audience, "We did this tour under the banner 'It Takes a Village to Raise a Child.' Dole didn't understand that it's an African proverb, but we do. We know that the one selling drugs on the corner is our son, and the prostitute on the corner, is our daughter, and that it is up to us to help them and care for all of our children."

Addressing the "mean spirited, unknd Republican right wingers" that were elected to Congress in 1994, Waters said, "Next Gingrich (and his congressional cronies) are Michael Dukakis and Howard Dean." She added, "Bill Clinton, she urged the audience to vote for him. 'Yes, there are things I don't like about President Clinton. I love my



Congresswoman Maxine Waters addresses the audience as Plainfield Mayor Bost (l) and Congressman Donald Payne (r) look on.

Photo by Avery Grant.

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Smith tells Mayor Bost to stop 'blame game'

by Terrence L. Dixon

IRVINGTON—Council Member At-Large Wayne Smith called on Mayor Bora Bost to "end the blame game" after the town's financial crisis.

Smith wants Bost to solve the fiscal crisis by reducing the size of local government rather than by increasing local taxes as Bost proposed earlier this month. Smith said the town has already overburdened homeowners and commercial property

one step in the process is providing accurate information about current fiscal problems," the councilman said.

"I respectfully disagree with a higher tax bill," Smith said. "If the Mayor and the Administration spent time reducing township expenditures such as to eliminate town cars, travel expenses, reduce health insurance costs and prioritize services as to what we can afford to do, we can mitigate any tax increase."

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vention in interest charges to residents. The Council set the tax levy at 95 percent as opposed to 110 percent that Mayor Bost proposed.

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In 1994, Smith claims that Mayor Bost promised to bring corporate practice to local government. "Well, in business and industry, when staff cannot solve problems, they are demoted or let go," explained Smith citing the *Star Ledger* accounts in which Bost stated that the employees responsible for the \$5.5 million in unpaid bills would not be punished because the practice existed in the past. "This would not be the case in the private sector."

Smith said he is sponsoring an ordinance that will require that the Mayor and Council to meet together

Activists demand monitoring in Adams' shooting

by Myra A. Thomas

NEW BRUNSWICK—Using the Middlesex County Courthouse steps as a platform, civil rights activist Aslam Imaad recently held a press conference on the fatal shooting of New Brunswick resident Carolyn Adams.

Imaad made a public plea for federal monitoring of the county prosecutor's investigation and grand jury hearing into the shooting by Officer James

Ismail, and that the independent exam seemed to "what somewhat contradicted" the county medical examiner's report.

"It is no longer a black-white issue," Imaad remarked. Citing that he was black, and his associate at the press conference, Bill Irwin, was white, Imaad said, "We are standing together uniformly to address this issue. This is a real issue, and it affects everybody."

Imaad also confirmed that he would

follow up the press conference with a letter to the U.S. Justice Department, calling for federal oversight in the matter.

Addressing the press, Irwin, a representative from the Coalition against Police Brutality, said, "The murder is a racist act. However, the response and fight against racism is a multi-race issue."

Irwin questioned what he termed a "double standard" of justice, with

one month. He said the ordinance will require the Council and Mayor "to offer enough caring to restore fiscal integrity" without political involvement and whims, to promote business development via the Urban Enterprise Zone, to improve the quality of life issues such as crime, and to lobby the federal, state and county government for Irvington's share of resources.

On October 28, Bill Gates, Director of the Division of Local Government Services and the Finance Board will meet with the Council to discuss Irvington's financial situation. At press time, Bost did not respond to *City News* questions.

closed grand jury proceedings held when a police officer shoots someone versus the open trial just when a civilian is accused of a shooting.

Obviously angered, Irwin said,

"The day after the shooting, he (county prosecutor Robert Gluck) went on record saying that Officer Consalvo was following standard procedures. Now I ask, how can we expect justice from a man that is rushing to the defense of the cops right away?"

Connie: As we saw her



Pictured during last year's Newark City Council elections are Connie Woodruff, Maria Viscarronda DeSoto, Gayle Chaney Field, Henry Johnson and Councilwoman Mildred Crump.

Photo by Gina Pirolo.

fought long and hard to keep the college from being closed and to get it's nursing program accredited. Today, because of her efforts, Essex County College's Nursing program is the best in the state of New Jersey.

She installed the Connie Woodruff Nursing Scholarship which enabled many deserving students to complete their education.

Connie was also co-founder of the college's Women's Center, and the Crisis Attacks Parade—an annual tribute to black people. As an activist, Connie occupied seats on several boards of influential organizations throughout Essex County such as the Leagues of Essex County, WBGQ-FM Jazz 88, the NAACP, Urban League, One-to-One Foundation and the New Jersey City Schools. As a concerned citizen, Woodruff showed her belief by chairing the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey's Black History Month Committee.

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PEOPLE

Community Calendar

THRU DECEMBER 1

NEW YORK—The American Federation of Musicians will host the Studio Museum in Harlem and the Mexican Museum in San Francisco will host *In the Spirit of Resistance: African-American and the Mexican Muralist School* at the Studio Museum in Harlem. For more info contact Julian W. Stomum and Jennifer A. Smith at 212-988-7700.

THRU NOVEMBER 1

CRAVEN POINT BASIN—Bassoon and vocal coaches, trainers and players will be able to obtain instruction in "Proper Pitching Mechanics" through a non-credit course to be offered this fall by Union County College. For more info call 908-707-7600.

THRU NOVEMBER 29

ELIZABETH—The Union County Office of Cultural Affairs announces that Union Centennial Hall will once again host the Union Teen Arts Touring Exhibit. For more info call 908-558-2500.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30

PALMYRA—The Palmyra League of Women Voters is sponsoring a City Council Candidates Forum at Muhlenberg Hospital in Centennial Hall at 7:30 p.m. For more info call 908-756-0599.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31

HOLMDEL—The Monmouth County Park Service will have a Fall Harvest Night at the historic Longstreet Farm, Longstreet Road from 7 to 9 p.m. For more info call 908-842-4000.

NEWARK—The Graduate Student Association has developed an innovative Solutions Conference Series. For more info and scheduling call 201-596-8465.

NEWARK—New Jersey Institute of Technology Graduate Association proudly presents Pollution Prevention, Meeting Tomorrow's Challenges Today. For

more info call 201-642-4743.

THRU NOVEMBER

JERSEY CITY—The Jersey City State College Women's Center will hold a series of campus programs designed to benefit the community. Pre-registration is required. For more info and scheduled events call 201-642-3189.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1

NEWBRUNSWICK/PISCATAWAY—Rutgers to host computer science open house. For more info call 908-445-3561.

NOVEMBER 1, 2

CLOUTON—The Jersey Project on Inclusive Schools' Curriculum, and how to implement "Transforming the Curriculum Ten Years Later" beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Ramada Inn.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2

PATERSON—The YMCA will be sponsoring "Unified Elegance" a Fashion Show and Luncheon from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. at the Paterson YMCA. For more info call 201-684-6408.

NEWARK—St. Rose Flea Market presents a Bargain Bonanza. For more info call 201-623-2800.

MADISON—Planned Parenthood of Greater New Jersey will hold its annual auction, "Bon Voyage, Bon Appétit" at Twombly Mansion, Farleigh Dickinson University. For more info and registration call 201-539-3560.

SCOTCH PLAINS—Union County Vocational Technical Schools presents an Arts & Crafts Holiday Bazaar from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. For more info call 908-889-UCVT.

SECAUCUS—The New Jersey Black Achievers program, sponsored by the YMCAs of Northern and Central New Jersey, recently held its 17th Anniversary Awards Banquet on Wednesday, October 16 at the Meadowlarks Hilton Hotel.

The concept of the Black Achiever began at the Harlem YMCA in 1968. The program's success there led to its duplication in several cities around the nation, including Boston, Chicago and Louisville. This year marks the 17th consecutive year of the program.

The emphasis of the program is placed on the commitment of high achieving black men and women, and their willingness to give back to the community, as well as to help and inspire youth.

The Black Achievers are members of the black community who have distinguished themselves through their personal lives, and who stand as shining examples of the potential for success that exists within each young person.

Among this year's award recipients are City News Publisher and Editor-in-Chief Henry and Jan Johnson who were honored as Entrepreneurs.

As part of the award, each honoree makes a commitment to the future. Throughout the year, Black Achievers become volunteer counselors, tutors, confidants and role



Harry J. Russell (l) co-chairman of Black Achievers Commission and Milton Harris (r) president and CEO of Newark YMCA, congratulate Jan M. Johnson, vice president of City News Publishing Company and Henry Johnson (second from r) on their Entrepreneurs of the Year Award.

Photo by Glyn Princeton.

models as they assist high school students in making decisions about their futures.

Another program The Linkage Program works in conjunction with the Black Achievers and their spon-

1996 Linkage Committee

Benjamin J. White, chairperson

PSE&G

Theodore T. Johnson,
vice-chairperson
NJIT

Iry Byrd
Bell Atlantic - NJ

Iola Davis
Port Authority of NY/NJ

Yvonne Holmes
PSE&G

Jo-Ann R. Raines
NJIT

Robert M. Session
PSE&G

Kenneth Wilson
JCT&L

Penny O. Corum
Bell Atlantic - NJ

Wynia Gant
African Heritage
Scholarship Fund

Donald Monah
Township of
Irvington

Thornton Reid
Hoffman-LaRoche

Vida White
PSE&G

Milton Witherspoon
Lockheed Martin

Shunda Alston
Consultant, Residence Svc. Cr.

Bell Atlantic - NJ

Beverly M. Austin
Information Systems
& Control Consultant
Bellcore

Allen Barnhardt
Talk Show Host
The Allen Barnhardt Show

Lerner Beaman
Professional Sales Representative
Scherling Corporation

Clarence Beverly
Vice-President & Branch Manager
PNC Bank

Dr. Yvette A. Bridges, M.D.
FACOG
Obstetrics & Gynecology

Philip H. Brown
Director, NJ Residence
Sales & Service Centers Bell Atlantic
- New Jersey, Inc.

Tammy Brown
Assistant Manager, ATR
Fleet Bank

Daphne Jones
Director, Professional Services
PSE&G

Gregory Jones
Manager, Regulatory Affairs
ETHICON, Inc.

Kevin M. Kimbo
Supervisor - Customer Service
PSE&G

Art King
Scientist, Microbial Products
Methods Development Group
Scherling Research Institute

Petricia Kingsbury
Imaging System Technician
N Newark Star Ledger

Genevieve Weathers
Financial Service Analyst
Englehard Corporation

Charles Williams
Manager, Application Development
Ortho Diagnostic Systems, Inc.

Ruth E. Williams
Director, Human Resources
Bristol-Meyers Squibb Company

Bonnie Taylor Wilson
District Sales Manager
Medical & Special Markets Div.

Panasonic Broadcast
& Television Systems Co.

Joseph Durham
Division Manager, Financial Mgmt.

Information Architecture
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Henry and Jan Johnson honored at Black Achievers Banquet

soring companies to "link" high school students with achievers. These linkages give the students opportunities for career exploration, career achievement, and a greater understanding of what it takes to meet their educational education requirements.

According to Milton Harris, president and CEO of the Newark YMCA, which coordinated the event. "The dinner is a nice way to recognize the achievers and to thank them and their corporate sponsors for their efforts, but the real story is the interacting between the mentors and the students that goes on all year long."

Other award recipients were:

Thermon Reid, Achiever of the Year, Supervisor of Water Control Laboratory at Roche Pharmaceuticals.

Dexter Keon Powell, Student of the Year, senior at Hackensack High School.

Phob Reeves, Alumni Scholarship recipient, senior at Newark's Arts High School received a \$1,000 college scholarship.

Listed below are the names of the Linkage Committee members and the other 45 award recipients.

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Feature Series: CIA connections to Crack Cocaine

Does the *Dark Alliance* series go far enough?

Terrence L. Dixon

Allegations that the Central Intelligence Agency fueled the inner-city crack epidemic was discussed by the U.S. Senate last Wednesday. It is the latest development since the *Dark Alliance* series chronicled how the CIA used profits from crack sales to fund a Nicaraguan guerrilla army in the 1980s. But now, new reports express skepticism of the agency's involvement.

One of the new reports comes from a group believing that former President George Bush is responsible for the crack epidemic. Others are from three big city newspapers which say evidence in Gary Webb's *San Jose Mercury News* *Dark Alliance* series is unsatisfactory.

The anti-Bush report was released in September by the Executive Intelligence Report (EIR) editors, who along with imprisoned Lyndon LaRouche, is known to have a vendetta against Bush since anti-Communist (Contra) operations in the 1980s.

Supported with text from actual court testimony and declassified court documents, the EIR report stated that while Webb's series catalogued

how the CIA flooded the streets of Los Angeles with crack.

The EIR report alleges that Bush took over the CIA's program of Contra operations. According to copies of declassified government documents provided in the special report, in December of 1981, President Ronald Reagan placed Bush in charge of the National Security Council (NSC), an umbrella intelligence agency for the CIA, Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), FBI, and the Pentagon.

The unclassified document also shows that in 1982, Reagan "privatized" intelligence operations and permitted agencies other than the CIA to carry out their "special activities." The report also claims these agencies reported to Bush, allowing the NSC to protect and coordinate such as the Contra trials.

In an article in the October 21 issue of *The New York Times*, Jerry Coppos, executive editor of the *Mercury News*, admitted, "We got to the door of the CIA. We did not get inside the CIA." The *New York Times* article goes on to say the *Dark Alliance* series "appears to have relatively little to do with the quality of the evidence that it marshals to its case."

The article further states that past investigations and interviews with informants, government and non-governmental, CIA officials, and narcotics agents all indicate "scant proof" that the CIA has connections with spreading crack in the U.S.

Yet, this same article mentions some government links to crack. According to *The New York Times*, although Norwin Meneses' CIA ties can't be proved, his former partner testified in court that Meneses used some profits to fund the Contra army. Meneses was convicted of drug smuggling in Nicaragua in 1992.

The *Daily News* ran an AP article

on October 21 concluding *The Los Angeles Times* concluded that the "competition among many suppliers and dealers and the changing habits of drug users..." Yet, it also says Danilo Blandon, now a DEA informant, admitted in federal court that his biggest cocaine customer was Ricky Ross, allegedly the main crack distributor to Los Angeles gang members.

According to Webb's series, Meneses was hired by the CIA to raise money for the Contras; Meneses gave the cocaine to Blandon, who in turn sold it wholesale to Ricky Ross.

King's dream distorted in campaign ad, opponents say

by Burt Herman
Associated Press writer

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)— Republicans pushing a ballot measure to end most affirmative action programs in California plan to use footage of Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech in an ad blitz.

The Rev. Jesse Jackson called the planned \$2 million campaign "a blasphemy" against the slain civil rights leader. The manager of King's estate in Atlanta threatened to sue if it was used.

"When you have foreknowledge that some political campaign is going to use Martin Luther King's name, voice, image, likeness, recorded voice, copyrighted speeches or rights of publicity, we ask them to stop," said Philip Jones, general manager of the estate and head of Intellectual Properties Management, the Atlanta firm that controls the use of King's image and words.

"Those are wholly owned by his estate. Dr. King was a private citizen and not a public citizen," said Jones, who is threatening to sue. "His intellectual property may not be used for commercial purposes without the express permission of his estate."

The California Republican Party said they will use a clip from King's history-making speech in a TV ad to begin airing Friday.

The ad, a segment of which was broadcast on KRON last Tuesday night, shows a white woman who talks about the ballot initiative, called Proposition 209, followed by black-and-white footage of King giving his famous speech.

Not only are civil rights activists mad about what they say is the mis-

interpretation of King's dream, custodians of the estate say of the speech would be illegal.

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"King would certainly hate it, but I'd be awfully surprised if it was illegal," Mallin said. Republicans have long been the principal financial supporters of the measure, which is backed by Gov. Pete Wilson.

Washingtonians observe Million Man March anniversary via satellite

by Avery Grant

earth."

He cited the United States, United Kingdom and Germany as the largest weapons sellers, and Saudi Arabia, United States, Egypt, Turkey and Israel as the largest weapons buyers.

To avert the War of Armageddon, he said the United Nations and the world must help solve two problems first, the problem that exists between Palestine and Israel. Second, the world's greatest problem that started 400 years ago when Africans were brought here.

The crowd in the Army, stood and applauded loudly, when Farrakhan announced that the next Million Man March would take place on October 16, 2000 in Washington, DC, and that it will be inclusive of men, women and children.

He asked that reports be given on what black people had accomplished during the four intervening years.

Bell of Washington, who also attended the march, said that it was good that Farrakhan focused more on the global and international issue, and he was particularly happy that he stressed the family unit because it will help strengthen the institution of the family.

George Greene, Sr., Huntingdon, MD, remarked, "Farrakhan was more positive in the way he reached out to the world in peace making. I was happy that he touched on the Native Americans, because they are left out of everything."

Pamela Y. Muhammad, a spokeswoman for the event's organizers, said that they understood that some people would go to New York, but they wanted to make sure people here had something to do and see, so that everyone could get the message.

Philip Morris donates \$1 million to Shaw University

RALEIGH, NC — The Leonard Medical School at Shaw University was the first four-year medical school created for African-Americans in the United States. It graduated 432 new doctors from 1886 through 1914.

Shaw's founder-president, Henry Martin Tupper, had insisted on four-year training and urged the instructors to teach the curriculum "as close as possible" to the curriculum of Harvard and other first-class medical schools.

A lack of funds closed the Leonard Medical School in 1914. Recently, a \$1,000,000 gift was presented by Philip Morris Companies Inc. to the United Negro College Fund (UNCF) to ensure both the restoration of the Leonard Building as a landmark and its renewal

as a modern facility dedicated to science and technology.

The grant is part of Philip Morris' \$7,000,000 pledge to UNCF over a 2000 effort.

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EDITORIAL

Clinton doin' the right thing

According to almost every poll in America, President Bill Clinton seems to be the sure winner of the last Presidential election of the 20th century. Although Clinton and the Democratic party are ready to reclaim victory, the President wanted his supporters to not echo a sound, at least not until November 6—a day after the election. Good move.

He realizes that he has to campaign just as hard as if he were lagging in the polls. If voters took for granted that polls say Clinton is the sure winner of the election, some may decide to sit this election out. Conversely, since Clinton's opponent, former Senator Bob Dole is reportedly lagging in the polls, it may cause more of his supporters to cast their vote. As a result, Dole could win despite what polls indicate. The bottom line is: Polls do not elect the President. Voters do.

Part of Clinton's urging of voter participation was delivered at New Hope Baptist Church in Newark, one of the city's largest African-American churches. Another good move. He realizes that the African-American vote is crucial for his re-election bid. This will hopefully encourage even more African Americans to exercise their right to vote. Their vote, and lack of voting, has always impacted who wins the elections.

Clinton is doing the right thing by not taking the election for granted. African Americans should also do the right thing. Vote on November 5.

THE PASTOR'S WORD

The march did make a difference

By Reverend Reginald Jackson

We're happy to mark one year since over a million black men journeyed to Washington, DC, for the Million Man March. It was a historic day, which saw not only a nation, but the world take notice, that those who had been scorned, ridiculed and stigmatized as irresponsible, indifferent and insignificant, came together and demonstrated that we were responsible, that we have a significant role to play in lifting up our people.

For a year, the world, and in particular this nation, has been watching to see if the momentum and urgency of that day and that "March," would last and if anything would come of it. Locally, here in New Jersey people have also been watching. Well, what have they seen? Has anything happened? Did the "March," make a difference? The answer is a resounding YES! People have been able to see something and something has happened.

First, countless numbers of men have become better fathers and husbands and participants in their communities. I have been gratified as I have journeyed across this state to meet men and hear and see their joy, in telling of their closest relationships with wives, spouses and children. Every man of men who are now mentors and mentors and are involved in community programs to clean up neighborhoods and make our streets safer.

Second, there is so much more concern, involvement and participation by community people on issues that affect us. We may not always agree, but at least we are involved, giving input and impacting decisions,

whether at city council, school board, planning and other meetings. Before, few of us attended these meetings and had no input in decisions. That has now changed.

Third, black leadership is being primed and developed. Larry Hamm, chairman of the Million Man March Coalition for New Jersey, has evolved into a key player in our state. His hunger fast in opposition to the going-home school funding proposal is on principle, and there is no finer example of sacrifice than this.

Thousands upon thousands of young people, black, white, Hispanic and others will benefit because of his stand. Minister Khadir Muhammad, leader of the Nation of Islam in New Jersey, has led the effort to make safe the streets of our cities, especially the problem of drugs and crime. He has reached out across denominational lines and other barriers to help make our communities better.

Sister Fredreica Wiley, chair of Women in Support of the Million Man March, has led the group to purchase land in Newark for the New Jersey Million Man March Coalition. They purchased a beautiful mansion in Newark to house offices, have banquets and other community meetings. We need to give financial support to refurbishing the building and making it operational. Let's all join in this effort.

Much is going on as a result of the Million Man March. There is much good and our prayer and commitment is to see that it continues.

Finally, many have called and wondered what happened to the Pastor's Word. Being away in August on vacation and out of the state most of September and early October, this column has been missing. Now that vacation and much of my travel is over, I am back with colleagues to have this column in place weekly. I am very appreciative and encouraged by so many of you who have called and missed it.

This time, there is no alternative for president

by Harry C. Alford

The Republican Party really blew it just when it seemed to have the black population becoming sophisticated enough to realize that the Democratic Party has taken our vote, loyalty and conviction too much for granted, they decided to "dog" our culture, heritage and very existence.

We have learned to now leverage our voting power and expect more from those we choose to hold significant public offices. As we look around for alternatives, Bob Dole and company decides to play "sons of Jim Crow." Oh Mr. Dole we ain't hardly going back!!

With the placement of Clarence Thomas on the Supreme Court and the assignments of attacking young people and such characters as Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, Justice Armstrong Williams, Gary Flanigan et al., the republican Party tell them they could win massive votes from "downsized" whites at the expense of people who don't vote for them anyway. Hispanic

for African Americans to support President Clinton. There has not been a two-term Democratic President since Franklin Delano Roosevelt, and the New Deal. For all the accomplishments of the past 30-plus years of Presidents Kennedy, Johnson and Carter, the fact is they have had but one term to enact their legislative agendas, and the gains—while very real and meaningful—have been stymied at the hands of Republican successors.

As a result, many of the issues closest to the heart of African Americans have not been fully met due to the national policy fabric. In 1996, we know that much work remains, but we can only keep the momentum going by voting a second term for Bill Clinton. Returning him to the White House is absolutely essential to a future of opportunity for African Americans.

The 1996 election, for African Americans, is about more than mere civic duty. This election is about black survival. It also represents an historic opportunity to build on a rather lengthy list of policy and program developments that have made a positive difference in our lives in the past four years. These policy and program developments have come from the Clinton White House, and judging by President Clinton's first term record, the alternative is he, by far, our best choice to establish a beachhead of hope for preparing to meet the challenges of the 21st century.

History also makes a solid case that whatever is Presid-

ent during the next four years will

have the opportunity to appoint at least two new members to a Supreme Court that has made five to four decisions against affirmative action and redistricting as is urgent a reason as African Americans need to defend themselves. Senator Bob Dole? If there are any other doubts, we only need to review highlights of the Clinton record on issues of great interest to African Americans. President Clinton has:

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WAYNE—James Rosenquist and Tom Wesselman will be the subject of a lecture at William Paterson College at 11:30 a.m. Admission: \$3. For more info call 201-555-2986.

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 2
JERSEY CITY—Jersey City Museum Fall 1998 Exhibitions. For more information call 201-547-4514.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2
NEW YORK—"A Celebration of Cole Porter," a tribute to the man and lyrics of the legendary Cole Porter, will kick off New Jersey Art Series sponsored by Merk & Co., Inc. at 8 p.m. at Raritan Valley Community College's Edward Nash Theater. For more info call 908-725-3420.

PLAINFIELD—Plainfield Public Library presents "A Harvest of Books," a Fall Book Sale. For complete schedule call 908-575-2305.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3
NORTH BRANCH—Child's Play Touring Theater presents "Kids for President," from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. For more info call 908-725-3420.

Heavy D to release new album in January



NEW YORK—In January of 1997, Uptown/Universal Records will release the much anticipated new

A work in progress Love Changes by David E. Talbert

Featuring actor Jean-Claude LaMarre and model/actress Tyra Banks, *Love Changes*, written and directed by David E. Talbert, is a romantic comedy about love lost, then found, then lost and found again. Set in New York, it's the story of Malcolm Green (LaMarre), a nice guy engaged to a beautiful, but self-absorbed woman, Cheryl Jackson (Banks).

On the rebound, Cheryl, in front of hundreds of people, Jackson decides to forgo her nuptial vows for her acting career. He says "I do," but she says "Lean" until I talk it over with my agent."

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This special presentation airs on History Showcases on Monday, November 4, 11, 18 and 23 at 9 a.m. ET/6 a.m. PT.

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Part One—The Search for and Discovery of the African Burial Ground examines the archaeological dig that unearthed the remains of some 400 African men, women and children.

Part Two—A History presents the never-before-told story of Africans and African Americans in New York City, from the arrival of a trader named Jay Rodriguez in 1613 until July 4, 1827—New York City's bicentennial. Day.

Day, which followed African Americans to work the farms around lower Manhattan and build its roads, houses, bridges and forts.

Part Three—Politics and the People, shows how ordinary citizens clashed with U.S. government agencies over the handling of the burial ground. This important civics lesson proves that people working together can change the course of history.

Part Four—An Open Window, explores the long-range impact of the African Burial Ground on art, literature, history, science and education in the United States.

Music by London McKee, Bryant McNeil and Janshied Sharif accompanies this documentary series; illustrations are by Charles Lilly. The series is produced by Katz Television, Inc.

NEW YORK, NOV. 17
NEW BRUNSWICK—Cross Roads Theater presents "Coming of the Hurricanes." For more info call 908-249-5560.

NEW YORK, NOV. 18
THE Schomburg Legacy: Documenting the Black Experience for the 21st Century, will be exhibited at Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture. For more info call 212-491-2000.

NEW YORK, NOV. 20
NEW YORK—The Newark Jazz Festival returns



Bill Phipps



Carrie Smith

Halim Seliman



David Robinson

Look who's on the web

Destination ESSENCE

NEW YORK—There are a few new addresses on the Web: <http://www.esSENCE.com>, <http://www.njheritagroup.org> and <http://www.culturefinder.com>. If you know how to read an internet address, you will have no doubt that the first address belongs to ESSENCE magazine. That's right, ESSENCE is now online!

While surfing the net, you can drop into ESSENCE and look forward to chats with publication's editors and celebrities, as well as your personal access to the magazine and web-site content.

Browsers can download information about the ESSENCE On Line Emporium, EsSENCE-by-Mail catalog, Essence Books, Essence for Children and ESSENCE magazine.

Internet address: <http://www.njheritagroup.org> belongs to the New Jersey Theatre Group. The theater lovers can now find out what's happening on NJ's theater stages by visiting the web site.

The site provides up-to-date information on the many theater performances on the state's professional theaters. According to Laura Alden, executive director of The Theatre Group, the site will also offer directions to theaters, recommended area restaurants and other attractions, special ticket discounts, reviews and feature articles on current productions and links to other cultural web sites throughout the state and country. The group can also be reached by e-mail at info@njtg.org.

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Malcolm's love life in shambles, he receives some unsolicited advice from his best friends Tracy and Booty. Tracy is level-headed and mar-

ries while Booty, a womanizing so-called playboy, insists that Malcolm begins to spend time with his best female friend, who has been trying to win his heart. Malcolm begins to win her heart. Malcolm asks, "How come we never hooked up?" Tracy replies, "Cause you don't like women, you prefer girls!" And so Love Changes begins when the question "Can friends become lovers?" is posed.

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PHS holds benefit concert

PLAINFIELD—Have you been reminiscing about the "good old days" of love, wondering what happened, and wishing you could go back, if only for one night? Well wish no more. Plainfield High School's School Based Youth Services (SBYS) presents a night of love and romance entitled "Love Reflections: The Way You Were." The benefit concert will feature top acts like Will Hart and the Delphonics, Ray Goodman and Brown, Sherry Winston, Wifree and a host of other performers.

For additional information call M. Dabney 908-221-2666. P. Hood-Marshall at 908-322-6428 or SBYS at 908-753-3192. Proceeds from the concert will benefit the Plainfield Teen Parenting Program.

Gibson, Lindo and Russo star in *Ransom*



Mal Gibson (c) stars as self-made tycoon Tom Mullin, and Renee Russo (l) is his wife Kate, who must face an incomprehensible nightmare when their only son is kidnapped, in Touchstone Pictures' gripping Quaker, Delroy Lindo (r) stars as FBI agent Hawkins, assigned to the case. *Ransom* opens November 8 at a theater near you. Photo by Loren Sebastian.

Kym Rae has emerged



NEW YORK—Magnetic, energetic and charismatic are just few of the words that readily come to mind when one describes Kym Rae. This former Miss USA candidate brings all of these elements to the music scene. She approaches her art with a zest and weaves a magical ingredient into every note and around every word. By the end of the song, a hypnotic spell is cast that leaves the listener enchanted and yearning for more.

Born in New Jersey, this sultry songstress worked hard to get to point. From a very early age her mother encouraged her to get involved in the performing arts. So... she took up dance and drama classes, but her true passion was for singing. She knew that if she was to achieve notable success in the entertainment field she had to hone her craft and be ready for that moment in time. She worked as a background vocal and did some songwriting.

Now Kym has emerged onto the music scene. Her debut single is the Soul Band remake, *Just Be Good To Me*. Here, Kym demonstrates her magical touch. With effortless delivery, she intertwines her rich voice in-and-

out of the heavy bass line. Everyone seems to be good to them but Kim delivers this request in such an assertive way that it is not a petition, but rather a command—*Just Be Good To Me*.

There are other entertaining tracks on album of the same name. Laid Back is a slow groovin' track that truly reflects its title and is sure to put its listener in a somber, reminiscent mood. And then, there is the foot stompin', romantic anthem defined states Kym's claim for stardom.

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Artists needed for exhibition

LINCROFT—The Monmouth County Park System invites area artists to submit slides of their recent work for consideration for the 1996/1997 Art Exhibit series at Thompson Park in Lincroft. This series provides the public with the opportunity to view a full spectrum of exciting contemporary work.

The exhibits consist primarily of two-person shows, with each artist exhibiting in his/her own space. Artists are selected for this series by a jury consisting of an art historian or curator, and Park System representatives.

Artists should submit 10 to 15 slides of recent work (labeled with the artist's name, title of work, dimensions, and medium) by November 20. The slides must be accompanied by a \$10 application fee (checks should be made payable to Board of Recreation Commissioners), résumé, application form, and a stamped self-addressed envelope, and a stamped self-addressed envelope for return of results and to return slides. For applications, call Marybeth Bull at 908-5421642. The TDD machine number for persons with hearing impairment is 908-219-9484.

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ELECTION COVERAGE

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In this week's issue, *City News* is continuing its special coverage on the upcoming November 5 election. This coverage is presented to inform our readers on the candidates and issues affecting our communities. This issue is devoted to the State Assembly, County Freeholder, City/Town Council and Mayoral elections.

BIC surveys political climate of black leaders

EAST BRUNSWICK—At this year's 14th Annual New Jersey Black Issues Convention held on October 3 to 6, at the Brunswick Hilton Hotel, in East Brunswick, over 2,000 participants took part in a leadership survey. The survey, which was implemented by NJ BIC, addressed the opinions of today's political situation and the up-coming elections.

No support for Dole

Participants showed virtually no interest in supporting Senator Dole's presidential campaign. Less than three percent of the participants indicated support for Dole, and only four percent thought that people they know would vote for Dole.

With a large majority of 85 percent, President Clinton also led the 5 percent of independent Reform Party candidate Ross Perot.

There was evidence in the survey that the most important factor was personal rather than partisan. When asked if they would have supported Jack Kemp if he was the Republican nominee, slightly more than 15 percent said yes.

Senate choice uncertain

While there was clarity in choice for the presidential election, it did not

spill over into the U.S. senatorial race from NJ. While Congressman Torricelli had 48 percent support, 45 percent indicated they did not yet have enough information to make a choice.

This large uncertainty means that there is a real potential for Congressman Zimmer to gain votes, and a real need for him to make himself better known in the African-American community.

Straws in the wind for next year's election

Governor Whitman's standing among those black leaders was not positive. Fifty-five percent rated her overall record on "issues of major concern to African Americans in New Jersey" as poor. Sixty-two percent rated her education record as poor.

However, there clearly was some opportunity for her to recover after the recent gubernatorial scandal. Her overall record was "fair," and 22 percent of those were willing to consider supporting her if the opposition candidate was mediocre.

There was no strong indication for any prospective Democratic candidate. When asked who they would favor as the Democratic nominees,

most respondents did not make a choice. Only Senator Bradley reached the 10 percent level.

Significant interest in third party strategy

Most significant was the degree of support for the idea that a third party might be more productive for African Americans than the present two-party situation. Twenty-one percent thought it would possibly be more productive.

This level of interest is more than the 17 percent of people indicated that they had voted more than once for major Republican candidates. Moreover, there was a significant level of discontent with the Democratic party. Only 45 percent thought that African Americans were a strong influence in New Jersey's Democratic party. Forty-six percent thought African Americans were only a minor influence.

Concerns on issue background to politics

It is not a unilateral statement of the African-American community, but it is the professional sampling of opinion of leaders in the state of New Jersey that:

• Sixty-four percent supported a con-

stitutional amendment to allow prayer in the schools and only 16 percent opposed the amendment.

• In the context of education 75 percent supported putting emphasis on building self-esteem among black students as compared to 11 percent who wanted the emphasis to be on integration.

• Sixty-four percent believed there was a "surge continuing attack" on African-American leaders and black communities. An additional 26 percent thought the "pattern of attack" was continuing but reduced. Only five percent thought that there was no such systematic attack.

• Forty-six percent thought the new welfare reform law was mostly motivated by racial hostility. Only 10 percent thought it was not significantly motivated by racial hostility. However, almost half (47 percent) of the respondents believe the new law had to break with the past approach and begin a strong emphasis on job seeking, workfare, etc.

• Only 13 percent disagreed with this "break with past" assessment.

• Seventy-three percent of participants thought that "things in this state...have gotten seriously off on the wrong track."

City News readers speak out on politics

NJERSEY—*City News* recently held a survey of its readers, asking them their thoughts about the upcoming election and its candidates.

According to responses, 100 percent plan to vote in the upcoming November 5 elections, with 70 percent planning to vote for Clinton. Twenty percent picked Dole, and 10 percent were still undecided.

Topping the list of concerns for our readers was education, followed closely by taxes and health care. Other areas that readers felt the candidates need to be addressing are:

drugs and crime, housing, welfare, a balanced budget, security, gun control, gap between income groups, environmental protection and security from terrorist actions.

In the U.S. Senatorial elections, *City News* readers placed Torricelli over Zimmer 50 percent to 10 percent. Twenty percent said they planned to vote for an independent candidate, and another 20 percent had not yet decided.

Readers affiliated with the Democratic Party made up 70 percent, while Republicans were 10 percent, and Independents were 20 percent.

Franklin mayor gets out the vote

by Myra A. Thomas

Byrne, Democratic State Committee Chairman.

SOMERSET—The state's Democratic leaders turned out for a "Get Out The Vote" birthday party for Franklin Mayor Kimberly Francois. Held on October 20, at the Somerset DoubleTree Hotel, the evening birthday party featured a live band, dancing and of course a large birthday cake.

Sponsored by the Franklin Civic Association with the support of the JFCI Club, the event attracted some 300 guests. The guest list included: Franklin Township elected leaders; 7th Congressional candidate Larry Lerner; Somerset County Freeholder candidates Joe Pranzatelli and Dan Glicklich; Mayor Cardell Cooper, Chairman of Victory '96; and Tom

The purpose of the event was to showcase local democratic candidates, as well as the Clinton/Gore presidential ticket and U.S. Senate Democratic nominee Bob Torricelli.

Mayoral nominee Byrnes said, "I am both humbled and honored that this group chose to have this event to honor me and to celebrate my birthday."

"Traditionally, there is a larger voter turnout during the presidential election," Mayor Francois added. "However, voters will only pull the lever for the candidates who have reached out for their vote. I believe this event will help to raise the consciousness and provide name recognition for these candidates in Franklin Township."

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And, whether or not you vote for Democrats.

If you don't, the Newt Gingrich Republicans may get the chance to continue cutting, slashing and eliminating the things that are important to you and your family. They've already voted to cut school lunches. Risking child immunization programs and cutting Head Start.

You've got the power to stop them.

The Democratic Party is meeting the challenges of raising a family, protecting our values. They've pumped nearly \$800 million more into Head Start • Expanded Child Immunization • Protected the Health Care of millions • Supported School Lunches

• They're reducing crime in public housing • Working to prevent teen pregnancy • Reducing violence and drug abuse in schools • Passed the toughest, smartest Crime Bill ever.

Democrats are dealing with the hard issues. But they can't continue to do without your vote.

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John S. Hogan, Democrat
Mary Ann Albert, Independent
Richard J. Duffy, Independent

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Patricia Sebold, Democrat, at-large

Barbara R. Wilson, Democrat, at-large

Lori Ward Cavanaugh, Democrat, at-large

Joseph P. Scarpelli, Republican, at-large

Frances Friedman, Republican, at-large

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Anthony Timmons, Republican, at-large

Horace Martino, Democrat, 1st Dist.

Dolce Ledesma, Repub•an, 1st Dist.

Johnny A. Jones, Democrat, 2nd Dist.

Eugene Brenyck, Republican, 2nd Dist.

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Abdush Shahid Ahmad, Republican, 3rd Dist.

Thomas Kenney, Democrat, 4th Dist.

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Ernest Caponegro, Republican, 2nd Dist.

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John Barber, Republican, 3rd Dist.

Nidia Dávila-Colón, Democrat, 4th Dist.

Jose Sanchez, Republican, 4th Dist.

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Maurice Fitzgibbons, Democrat, 5th Dist.

Antonio Guzman, Republican, 5th Dist.

Nettali Cruz, Democrat, 6th Dist.

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ELECTION COVERAGE

Environment key for two public questions

TRENTON—The following Public Questions will appear on the November 5, 1996 General Election ballot. The first test of the two public questions is printed below, followed by an interpretive statement provided by Secretary of State, the Honorable Lonna Hooks. Information on the public questions have been provided by the New Jersey State League of Women Voters.

Port of New Jersey Revitalization, Dredging, Environmental Cleanup, Lake Restoration, and Delaware Bay Area Economic Development Bond Act of 1996

Since the "Port of New Jersey Revitalization, Dredging, Environmental Cleanup, Lake Restoration, and Delaware Bay Area Economic Development Bond Act of 1996," which authorizes the State to issue bonds in the amount of \$300,000,000 for the purposes of financing, in whole or in part, the costs of: constructing underwater piers and a containment facility or facilities for the disposal of materials dredged from the Kill Van Kull, Arthur Kill and other navigation channels located in the New Jersey/New York port region; the decontamination of dredged material; dredging the Kill Van Kull, the Arthur Kill and other navigation channels located in the New Jersey/New York port region; dredging navigation channels not located in the New Jersey/New York port region; remediating hazardous discharge sites; and constructing water supply facilities to replace contaminated water supplies; the restoration of lakes; and economic development sites in the Delaware River and Bay Region; and provides for the use of monies and money to pay the interest on the debt and also to pay and discharge the principal thereof, is approved?

Interpretive statement
If approved, this bond act would authorize the State to issue \$300 million in State general obligation bonds. The proceeds from these bonds would be used to fund the following projects: \$185 million would be used to construct new navigation channels not located in the New Jersey/New York port region; \$70 million would be used to clean up hazardous discharge sites and contaminated water supplies; \$5 million would be used for the restoration of lakes in New Jersey; and \$20 million would be used for financing economic development sites in the Delaware River and Bay Region.

Proposed Constitutional Amendment
Dedication of 4 percent of Corporation Business Tax Revenue for Hazardous Discharge Cleanups, Underground Storage Tank Upgrades and Cleanups and the Protection of Water Quality

The proposed constitutional amendment, Article VIII, Section II, of the Constitution of the State of New Jersey, agreed to by the Legislature, to provide that an amount equivalent to 4 percent of the revenue annually derived from the imposition of the Corporation Business Tax, or any other state law of similar effect, be deposited in a special account, which could be appropriated by the Legislature only for the following purposes and in the following manner: a minimum of one-half for funding the costs incurred by the State relating to hazardous waste cleanup, a minimum of one-third dedicated from December 31, 2008, for funding or financing loans and grants for underground storage tank upgrades, replacements, closures, and remediations; and a minimum of one-sixth, or a minimum of \$5 million, whichever is less, for funding costs related to water quality monitoring, watershed planning, and nonpoint source water pollution prevention, be approved?

Interpretive statement

Maxine Waters visits NJ

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has to be changed.

Congresswoman Donald Payne (D-Newark) is introducing Waters, gave her credit for the tremendous efforts in making everyone aware of what the Republican-led Congress was trying to do. He commended her for taking the lead in uncovering information on the alleged government-sponsored drug operation in Los Angeles during President Reagan's term, and urged Congress and federal agencies to investigate this activity.

Waters told of her interview with Ricky Ross, a young man who is in federal prison for being the coordinator for the drug operation in Los Angeles, how documents are being uncovered, and that people are coming forward with information for the investigation. She said that the one who ran the drug smuggling operation is now on the Drug Enforcement Agency staff making a salary of \$166,000.

and "is now busting other folks."

"We are going to have a serious war on drugs, led by us. It is up to us to carry the fight," she said. "I know that I was not elected to Congress to turn my back, I am fully committed to this."

Plainfield Mayor Mark Fury urged the audience to get out the vote. "The Republicans are praying for a loss of turnout in New Jersey so they will come out and vote. If you stay home and Clinton loses, then we can forget about drug elimination funds, education assistance, Headstart, housing and other programs," Fury noted.

The tour also included stops in Trenton, Freehold, Piscataway, and Franklin. "The Get Out The Vote Rally" in Elizabeth was organized by Arlene Anable, director of the Elizabeth Department of Health and Human Services.

last year she was appointed as Essex County Tax Court Judge by Governor Clinton. Waters said:

Woodruff also championed her hometown of West Orange where she served as chair of the Human Right Commission, and where she and her husband of 43 years, Bill Woodruff resided for almost 30 years. Mr. Woodruff died this past April.

In a beautiful ceremony—filled with laughter and tears—Woodruff was remembered by hosts of friends and family at the Messiah Baptist Church last Wednesday. The entire Essex County College Nursing School was among the funeral procession as hundreds packed the church to bid farewell.

Even those who had, at one time or another, felt the wrath of her pen and tongue came out to say

good-bye to the veteran leader. Newark Mayor Sharpe James, Essex County Sheriff Armando Fontana, Essex County Clerk William S. Cooper, Senator Frank Lautenberg, Congressman Donald Payne, Essex County Surrogate Maria Viscarrondo-DeSoto, Assemblywoman Nia Gill, Newark Councilwoman Gayle Chaney Flack, East Orange councilmembers Yvonne Blake and Leroy Jones, President of the Board of Public Utilities Herbert Tate, Commissioner of Baseball, Len Coleman, her life-long friend Bernice Sanders of East Orange, Barbara Kukla of the Star Ledger and a host of other friends and associates were among the mourners.

Jazz Diva Carrie Smith gave a musical tribute to Woodruff with the hymn I Am Going to Live On Forever. The funeral service was officiated by Rev. Harry Batts, pastor of Messiah Baptist Church. Woodruff leaves behind her a sister, Gwendolyn Williams of Petersburg, VA; a brother Leon Rochester, of East Orange; a host of cousins and other relatives and hundreds of friends. Bye Baby. We will miss you.

Len Coleman: In Essex County, if you say the name Connie, there is no further explanation. Everyone knew who she was. She was always fighting for the good cause. No one could ever say her fights were to enrich herself, because that was just not her. In my younger days she opened many a doors for me. You could have no better friend or a more formidable than Connie Woodward.

Congressman Payne: It was Connie who fought for the first black law office on the Essex County Superior Court. It was Connie who did so much work with the Leagues, helping Mrs. Birch. She also took credit for my career because she gave me a scholarship. I was 17 years old. She later told me, "It wasn't for me you wouldn't be where you are now. She was right."

Herb Tate: Connie goes back almost two generations with my family. As a youngster, she mentored me like she did Lenny Coleman. Connie was the type of person you could always learn something from no matter how short or long a time you knew her.

Dr. Zarch Yambu: Connie was my mentor, role model. She was a confident advisor to me and many other people. She was always straightforward and worrying about what was right for the college. Many times she took money out of her pockets to help students. She left two legacies for Essex County College, the Women's Center and the Nursing program.

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SPORTS

Tiger Woods destined to be a legend



Tiger Woods and Disney's Tigger hold the trophy Woods won for the Disney Classics in Lake Buena Vista on October 20.

Photo by Peter Coughlin/AP

by Terrence L. Dixon

LAKE BUENA VISTA, FL—Only two months into his pro career, Tiger Woods is leading a path indicative of those who become Who's Who in sports. Woods, half Black and half

Thai, has caused a fury in golf—a predominantly white male sport where reports of segregation still surface. The barriers have come down for the man who can now boast the best debut in golf's history.

His latest victory happened on

October 21 at Lake Buena Vista, FL, where he defeated Payne Stewart, a former U.S. Open Champion. He beat him by shooting a round of 66 to Stewart's 67 and posting a total of 21-under-par 267 to win the \$1.2 million Walt Disney World/Oldsobile Classic by one stroke.

He is 18 years old, 22nd on the top golf earnings list and is guaranteed a spot in the Tour Championship in Tulsa, OK, which is reserved for the year's top 30 money earners. He received a check for \$216,000 after winning the Disney/Oldsobile tournament which adds up to \$734,794 so far for his short season. Most beginning players would have to wait late in the season to earn enough money to tour with the prestigious Tour Championship.

Hall began for Woods, who at 20, years-old in his sophomore year at Stanford University. He quit school after his third U.S. Amateur golf tournament in a row to turn pro. Immediately following, he signed endorsement deals worth at least \$60 million. So far, he has won two PGA tournaments in seven attempts—the first being in Las Vegas and this most recent win at Lake Buena Vista.

Just One Soccer League kicks off

NEWARK—Even though Summer is over (and Winter is just around the corner), Newark parents and youngsters who are looking for recreational outlets should take heart! The "Just One" Neighborhood Program of Newark recently kicked off its "Fall Soccer League," featuring 10 games at the program's Oriental Park, and the soccer fields of Newark's Weequahic Park. Over 400 youth participated in the festivities, organizers noted.

The Fall soccer league is just one of the many offered by the Just One program which is dedicated to providing youths with recreation and life skills instruction, officials said.

Formed through a public/private partnership between the City of Newark and Do Something Fund, Inc., Just One was created last year. The following competitive categories are available for the Fall soccer league:

Divide	School	Team	Level	Gender	# of players in game/Max on teams
"A"		Grades K-2	Co-Ed Teams	4 v. 4	including goalie/8
"B"		Grades 3-4	Co-Ed Teams	4 v. 4	including goalie/8
"C"		Grades 5-6	Boys & Girls	8 v. 8	including goalie/12
"D"		Grades 7-8	Boys & Girls	8 v. 8	including goalie/12

"The day was an absolute treat," Mayor Sharpe James said. "Soccer served as the perfect vehicle to allow children and adults to have fun and strengthen each other."

According to Just One coordinator, Hoover Herrera, "All of the activities of Just One are very family and community-oriented, designed to draw people together. The purpose of our soccer league and other activities is not just to provide meaningful recreation. More importantly, we strive to impact invaluable life skills." He added, "By doing community service as a team, players can also earn their T-shirts."

The soccer league is open to school children grades K through 8. Games are held Saturdays, 10 a.m. in Weequahic and Branch Brook Parks. Officials note that the first half of the season extends through November 9 and continues again for six games in the Spring. For details, please contact the Just One office, Room B-16, City Hall 908-733-4498.

Union County D.A.R.E. hockey night set for November 14

EASTRUTHERFORD—The Union County D.A.R.E. Officers Association and D.A.R.E. New Jersey are sponsoring their second annual Hockey Night on Thursday, November 14th at 7:35 p.m. when the Devils host the Western Conference's Vancouver Canucks at 7:35 p.m.

Union County towns that are participating in the D.A.R.E. fund-raiser include Berkeley Heights, Clark, Cranford, Elizabeth, Garwood, Hillside, Kenilworth, Linden, Mountainaire, New Providence, Plainfield, Rahway, Roselle, Roselle Park, Scotch Plains, Springfield, Summit, Union, and Westfield. All participants will receive a New Jersey Devils Bumper Sticker at the game.

Students, families, and friends are encouraged to be part of this Hockey Night with proceeds benefiting local D.A.R.E. programs and the U.C.D.O.A. D.A.R.E. police officers teach kids in our communities to resist drugs and violence. For ticket information, please call your local police department's D.A.R.E. unit.

You could be a perfect 10

LINCOLN—On Saturday, November 2, the Friends of the Monmouth County Park System will host its annual "Perfect 10" Biathlon at Thompson Park in Lincoln. The race will begin with a 10-mile run, followed by a 3.5-mile run, a 5-mile mountain bike, and a second 2.5 mile run. The Thompson Park bicycle trails are suitable for novice bikers. Awards will be presented to the top three men and women finishers.

The pre-registration fee is \$15 (\$8 tax-deductible). Race day registration is \$20 (\$13 tax-deductible). Both fees include a commemorative shirt, while supplies last. For more information or to receive an application, call 908-542-1021. Persons with hearing impairment, the TDD machine number is 908-219-9846.

Farewell Connie

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Trish Morris-Yankee: It is hard to describe what she meant to me because she filled so many roles. I met her in the early '70s as a graduate student at Rutgers, I ran into her again a few years later and we became friends. Her greatest tribute was Connie herself. It always amazed me how someone of her stature was so willing to share and give to others and never be aloof.

Jan Johnson: Connie was known for taking native, uninformed people under her wing and helping them understand her fine work. I am very grateful to Connie for sharing her political savvy each week with our readers and for helping me personally to gain insight into various social and political arenas in New Jersey and beyond. I will miss the sessions we periodically had where her question always seemed to be, "Jan, are you for real?" Then she would go on to explain to me how things are. I also believe that we at City News specifically, and black journalists generally, should take the opportunity to carry forward Connie's torch so that she will have a voice, politicians will have to play it straight, and women will continue to value their strength.

Gwendolyn Williams (slater): If Connie could speak to us right now she would say, "What do you want from me? I made the calls, I did the falls and I did it my way."

UCC's soccer team vies for top rank in NJCAA

CRAVEN—Union County College for the third consecutive week trails Herkimer County Community College of Herkimer, NY, for the top spot in the weekly soccer poll of Division III, National Junior College Athletic Association.

Both Union and Herkimer continued their unbeaten records, however. Herkimer is 16-0 record as compared with Union's 11-0.

Another New Jersey college, Burlington County College of Pemberton, is ranked third, while Raritan Valley Community College of Long Branch is eighth.

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